



## Regional Service Council Minutes Indiana Department of Child Services Region # 14

**Meeting Date:** October 19, 2010

**Meeting Location:** DCS in Jackson Co. (Boardroom)

**Council Members Present:** Heather Angebrandt, Debra Traylor Davis, Traci Eggleston, Laura Gentry, Marsha Goecker, Heather Mollo, Karen Munson, Shana Richmond, Amanda Rittenhouse, and Jack Tandy

**Council Members Absent:** Mala Corley, Robyn Dykstra, Gayle Green, Tammi Hickman, and Mark Loyd,

**Others signed in for Attendance:** Heather Kestian, Director Johnson Co. DCS; Stacey Waskom, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Kelli Hoeflinger, Shelbyville HS; Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau, Inc.; Chris McNeely, Bloomington Meadows Hospital; Herb Hobson, White's Residential; Lynne Wisneski, Resolute, Options, Resource; Erin Jacobs & Aja Boudreau, Adult & Child; Andrea Donnellis; Anne Scarlett, Children's Sanctuary; Becky Kime, DCS Probation Consultant; Dennis Carmichael, Director, Jackson Co. DCS; Kristin Obermeyer, DCS; Lori Meyers, Johnson Co. Community Corrections; Peggy Faulk, Family Services & Prevention Programs; Bethaney Leahy & Rick Humbarger Lifeline Youth & Family Services; Sven Schumacher, Lutheran Child & Family Services; Cristal Nevins, White's Family Services, and Karla Davis, CPCS.

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:35a.m.

- 1. Welcome:** Laura welcomed members and audience. Introductions were made. Laura introduced Heather Kestian, Director for Johnson Co. DCS and Kristin Obermeyer, Regional Child Welfare Services Coordinator who took Dan Banks position.
- 2. Approval of July 20, 2010 Minutes:** Debra made a motion to approve, Heather Angebrandt seconded, and members present approved as written.
- 3. Regional Services- Updates:** Laura mentioned that McConn Services have been amended. Peggy Hood's service contract is at Central Office in Indy. Laura mentioned that most services being added are Homebased services. Judge Mollo mentioned Moving On services be amended to the Youth Hope services. Laura mentioned that the request should be put in writing if they are amended services.

If they are new services an RFP would have to be done. Laura mentioned that Traci wanted to add parenting services from Region 15. Traci mentioned that Shelby County does not have parenting classes for her county at this time and would like to utilize until the same services that Region 15 uses can be offered in Region 14. Laura asked for a motion to approve. Judge Tandy made a motion, Marsha Goecker seconded and members present approved.

4. **Child Welfare Services-** Karla mentioned that members should have received quarterly reports for all providers except for Shelbyville Community Health Center. She also mentioned that as reports come into to her that she would be forwarding these to Christine Deaton to distribute to RSC members. She mentioned that hard copies of the reports are in the binders (in her office) that she has for each provider can be viewed by members any time. Karla mentioned that the Shelbyville Middle School Mentoring program was going to present to members. Kelli Hoeflinger from Shelbyville High School presented quarterly report to members. Kelli mentioned that the program involves Shelbyville Middle School, Shelbyville High School and Columbus Youth Camp in a group mentoring approach. This program pairs high school and three middle school students. Mentors meet their mentees at Shelbyville Middle School twice monthly. At these meeting times on Wednesdays after school, with transportation provided, mentors are accompanied by two Columbus Youth Camp trained facilitators and Shelbyville Central Schools staff members. Mentors and mentees participate in experiential initiatives that kick off each session with a focus topic and then move into relational time in their small mentoring groups. Mentors and mentees are paired in small groups with two high school mentors to three middle school mentees. The focus topics for the first mentoring session were “Getting to Know You” and “Learning How to Follow Instructions.” The second session focused on trust and more conversation time in the small groups. Debra asked if the group does gender breakdowns. Kelli replied that the larger group is mixed, but the smaller groups are gender based.

5. **Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS) Report:** Karla presented updated information on CPCS. She gave members handouts for CPCS September Report, July/August financials, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Outcomes Report, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Needs Assessment Report. She mentioned that they have three full time liaisons. Karla mentioned that she is still accepting resumes for the Shelby Co. Liaison and have some great candidates. She mentioned that Salvation Army will refer clients to CPCS if they are at risk for child neglect. Karla mentioned that over the years that CPCS has served between 200-260 families. Debra commented that the salaries included on the Brokered Services Allocation Report were over 100%. Dennis mentioned that the 7.5% Admin Allocation to CB should be \$8,000 and \$800.00 is shown. Karla replied that she would revise and re-send. Karla mentioned that CPCS will be starting a new partnership with the Housing

Authority with a new grant for Family Reunification with HUD. She is excited about meeting the outcomes.

**6. Regional Budget:** Laura mentioned that the budget for Region 14 still has not been finalized. Allocations took an 8% reduction state wide. Allocations are based on cost by regions not by counties. Laura also mentioned that the reimbursements and repayments are not high as high as they were last year. She mentioned that there was an average of a 15% reduction. Laura mentioned that there are a lot of initiatives for Region 14, Practice Reform, Foster Care Reform, Foster Care Specialists, CANS tool, and Community Mental Health Plans to help reduce costs. She also mentioned based on current trends, without putting in payments and reimbursements, we need to look at spending. Laura mentioned that RSC members would get a handout at the next RSC meeting (November 16). Laura announced that there will be updated provider sessions coming up. Terry Suttle will do more training at the request of Steve Adams. The next training will be at Seymour INDOT office on October 4 for vendors that have questions regarding invoices. She mentioned that once a claim is received, it is sent to the FCM for verification. She also mentioned that the 35 day rule is a time lag, but vendors should get bills in as quickly as possible. Steve mentioned that last year Child Welfare Services was at 100% spending, Probation at 84% and Repayments / Reimbursements at 84%. Steve also mentioned that as of now Region 14 is overspending. Dennis asked if the MRO spending came out of the same budget. Steve replied that the MRO spending comes out of Central Office. Dennis asked if Steve has noticed a dramatic reduction. Steve replied that members need to keep in mind that MRO's are being used for new cases and looking at a large reduction and where we are spending.

**7. Other Business:** Laura introduced Sven Schumacher from Lutheran Child & Family Services who gave a presentation to RSC members and audience regarding Autism research.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting Dates, Location and Time:**

**Location:** Jackson Co. DCS, 601 N. Burkart Blvd. Seymour, IN.

**Dates & Times:**

November 16, 2010 8:30-10

December 21, 2010 8:30-10

January 18, 2011 8:30-10:00